

# RAIL HEADS IN STRIKE PARLEY

**Humiliating Death by Huckleberry Pie — Champagne Divers — Cutting a Cross on His Breast — Who's to Blame for New Wars that Threaten — Bombing in Buffalo — Pestilence Follows Idleness.**

The way of life is devious and humiliating. Yesterday ambulances were mobilized like artillery in war times. Stomach pumps were assembled in batteries. Fifty persons who had eaten huckleberry pie in a New York restaurant were sick unto death. All hands manned the pumps. After a few hours most of the victims were thought to be out of danger. Huckleberry pie must be added to the list of things destructive of human life. Killed by a piece of huckleberry pie. Not a noble death to die.

Americans are credited with another record. Crossing on the Homeric 560 consumed \$10,000 worth of champagne in seven days. The feat is the greater because it was performed by a relatively small fraction of the 560. Many Americans were on their way to Deauville, where every facility exists for impoverishing American visitors. The Americans who make these records for the United States are regarded on the other side in the same way that the late "Jimmy" McNally, famous Bridgeport green goods man, regarded the customers for his tinted paper.

In New York cathedral an unfortunate man, religion-mad, bared his breast before the altar and slashed the quivering flesh with a knife, making a cross. This spectacle caused a panic. In the early days of religion it was a common thing for individuals to punish themselves by flagellation, by cutting with knives, by walking on hot coals, and in many other ways. These things were regarded as devout. Simon Stylites stood upon a pillar, bowing constantly. In some backward countries these practices continue with the same devotion that accompanied them in European countries five or six centuries ago. What is proper and usual in one period of history becomes insane in another.

Lloyd George says that new wars threaten. Whose fault is that? Is it the fault of Americans? It is the fault of all who know that war is imminent and take no heed how it may be prevented. Those who demand closed markets, those who will not give the other country a chance to trade, those who put selfishness in international affairs above reason and wisdom are the friends of war, even though belonging to peace societies and eating only vegetables.

Chicago is threatened with a street railway strike. The street railway is useful, but not as necessary as it used to be. When the Connecticut Company took the cars out of Bridgeport several facts appeared. Automobiles in a few hours took the places of the cars almost completely. The streets were quieter. Accidents decreased. Traffic moved better and faster, and for less money. This extemporaneous service left something to be desired in the suburbs. The defect would be soon healed if automobiles had the field to themselves, or if they had an assurance of permanent rights in the streets. Chicago need not worry much.

Buffalo has a street railway strike. Bombs are freely used. They are planted where they will be exploded by passing cars. They make a loud noise without doing much damage. Bombing is not an American custom. It ought to be rigidly suppressed. Exploding bombs will not help win a strike.

The American Relief Administration in Russia will spend 1923 fighting contagious disease. When work stops, idleness prevails, starvation intervenes, pestilence comes on the wings of the wind. Modern health is not so much a matter of medicine as of good diet and wholesome living conditions.

## TABULATING VOTE OF N. H. CLERKS

New Haven, Aug. 1.—The strike ballot of the Brotherhood of railway clerks on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad was being counted here today but union officials said that the count would not be completed until late in the afternoon or tomorrow. Brotherhood leaders through the system have expressed the opinion that the vote would be overwhelming in favor of a walkout. It was considered possible that a strike of about five thousand clerks employed by the New Haven road would be in effect before the end of the week. Among the grievances of the clerks considered in the strike vote were the loss of Saturday half holidays, time and one-half for overtime work and vacations with pay. The New Haven road has been advertising for clerks for several days and a number of applicants already have been hired in Boston and this city.

# The Bridgeport Times

Entered as second class matter at the post office at Bridgeport, Conn., under the act of 1879.

AND EVENING FARMER

Subscription rates by mail: Daily \$5.00 per year. One month, Daily 50 cents. 179 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport

VOL. 58—NO. 180—EST. 1790.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., TUESDAY, AUG. 1, 1922

10 PAGES

PRICE TWO CENTS.

## 20,000 Service Carmen Strike in Chicago TIPPERARY AND KILKEE ARE TAKEN

### Boland's Condition Is Serious

**De Valera's Former Secretary Made Valiant Fight to Escape—Free State Troops Continue Their Push Onward Against Irregulars.**

Dublin, Aug. 1.—The condition of Harry Boland, former secretary to Eamonn De Valera in the United States, who was shot while trying to evade arrest at Skerries on Sunday is critical. It was announced today at the hospital, where Boland is under treatment. One bullet penetrated his liver.

Boland made a valiant effort to resist arrest. He even attempted to shoot the troops of the soldiers who surrounded him and tried to thrust them to one side. He was in flight when he was shot down. The troops were given ovations by the inhabitants when they entered, says the communique. The men arrested with Harry Boland at Skerries yesterday when the latter was wounded, has been identified as Joseph Griffin, a prominent Dublin irregular.

**Free State Troops Advancing.** Dublin, Aug. 1.—Free State troops in their drive southward on Cork have captured Tipperary and Kilkee. It was announced today. The casualties of the irregulars are not known. Several irregulars were made prisoners. Large quantities of war materials fell into the hands of the Free State troops. The irregulars, before being driven from Tipperary, blew up the water mains and burned the barracks. They also set the torch to the biggest industrial plant in the city.

At Kilkee the irregulars burned the barracks and the customs station. Two rebel leaders, Commandant Lillis and Commandant Simon, were captured.

Irregulars are said to control nearly all of Munster. They are levying taxes and commandeering food supplies.

Cork is described as undergoing a reign of terror. Newspapers have been suspended and the rebels are seizing all sorts of supplies.

The rebels are preparing strongholds in the mountains of Cork county in the event they are driven from the city.

### 40 PILGRIMS TO LOWDES KILLED

Paris, Aug. 1.—Forty persons were killed and fifty others injured in a collision between two trains of pilgrims to the Grotto of Lourdes, one of the world's most famous shrines, early today. The collision occurred near Villecomble.

### Products Company Owes City \$40,000

Referee John J. Keogh of the bankruptcy court, today signed the order permitting the plant of the Morris Metal Products company of this city, adjudged bankrupt, to be sold at public auction.

### MAYOR DECLARES CITY SHOULD PURCHASE WATERFRONT PROPERTY; SAYS NO ULTERIOR MOTIVES

Brushing aside criticism of his proposal to purchase the Wheeler & Howes Dock property for Bridgeport, Mayor Fred Atwater today said: The city ought to purchase the waterfront property for a city dock.

The mayor sharply criticized the statement that it would cost but \$10,000 to put the 472 feet of city dock property, on the river into shape.

"It would cost the city easily \$400,000 to put this property above the Grand street bridge in shape to dock boats," declared the mayor. "To put this property in shape would cost more money than it would be worth. The government channel is 25 feet from the shore and the city would have to dredge 25 feet to reach the channel. Besides all this expense the city would have to erect docks, coal and oyster piers. The equipment that is there would have to be moved and a new city yard established. This would be a costly task."

"I personally favor the Wheeler & Howes dock and not for ulterior motives. The dock is in the center of the city. It is equipped with coal

### SUED FOR \$2,000,000, HE WEDS AGAIN



Albert Victor Searies, millionaire Boston artist and defendant in a \$2,000,000 breach of promise suit brought by Miss Mary Johnson, of Rockport, Mass., has secretly married Miss Charlotte Irene Boullister, of Lowell. The wedding took place months ago, but has only been announced. This is Searies' second marriage. He and his bride are honeymooning in Nova Scotia.

### DE VALERA'S HOPES SHATTERED

Dublin, Aug. 1.—Eamonn De Valera was last reported at one of the headquarters posts of the irregulars in Tipperary, worn and apparently discouraged. He was said to be losing his way, but was attempting to regain it by displays of valor in leading ambush attacks on Free State troops.

Practically all these attacks failed and the irregulars have been compelled to make one retreat after another, destroying the countryside behind them. Their retirement has been marked by a trail of desolation and destruction.

The Free State troops are continuing to draw closer to Cork, the chief stronghold of the rebels. They are carrying out an encircling movement with the forces in the central counties attempting to work in a south-westerly direction while the troops on the coast just east of Cork remain stationary.

### FIVE CLERKS SUSPENDED IN PARCEL POST BRANCH OF LOCAL POST OFFICE

**Authorities Decline to Discuss Facts—Postmaster Charles F. Greene, Has Nothing to Say.**

Five clerks have been suspended from their duties in a Bridgeport Post Office, parcel post branch, for infractions that have not been given to the newspaper. For some days the post office has been the seat of a group of inspectors, who have been conducting an investigation.

Postmaster Charles F. Greene, asked about the matter said: "I have nothing to say."

It was rumored that complaints have been made that old stamps, removed from parcels, have been put upon new mail, which has then been despatched as if proper postage were paid.

No confirmation of this rumor is available, nor are the names of the suspended clerks forthcoming.

### Here's A Record! Fifteen Puppies In Single Litter

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Fifteen puppies in a litter is the record set by "Queen," a red bone rabbit, owned by Mrs. Theodore O'Brien of Elmira, near here. One of the puppies died shortly after birth, but his fourteen brothers and sisters are hale and hearty.

Dog expert here says "Queen" has smashed all rabbit birth records.

### NOT BRIDGEPORT'S HOWARD SMITH IN WYOMING ARREST

Howard Smith has been arrested in Wyoming. This was the big story given out this morning by Superintendent of Police Patrick J. Flanagan but after he had finished his conversation the reporters' hope for a "big squish" had been blasted.

According to the information received by the superintendent a man giving the name of H. C. Smith was arrested in Wyoming on a charge of driving a stolen car. Investigation by the authorities of that place showed that the car had been sold to a man in Connecticut and the authorities immediately got in touch with the local department in the hope that they had the former tax collector in the toils of the law.

Smith failed to measure up in the other identification marks to the missing Bridgeport Smith and the western authorities were so informed by the local police.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 1.—Eleven resolutions demanding that the order to repudiate the attack made by Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty upon the supreme court of Massachusetts in connection with the Pelletier case were ready for presentation today at the opening of the annual convention of the Knights of Columbus. A letter signed by one hundred "representative Catholic citizens" of Boston calling upon the convention to disavow the attack was sent to every delegate. A spirited contest is expected over the election of a supreme advocate and six members of the board of directors. William J. Mulligan, a member of the board of directors, and Luke Hart are the candidates for supreme advocate. The Mulligan supporters call themselves the "Progressives" and seek to change the policy of the order.

### Windy City Paralyzed By Tie-Up

**State Arbitrators Take Action to Bring About Adjustment—3,000,000 Workers Obligated to Walk to Work—Militia Prepared for Emergency.**

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Twenty thousand motormen, conductors and guards on surface and elevated lines went on strike at four o'clock this morning against a seventeen percent wage reduction and the greater part of the working portion of Chicago, nearly three million persons, was seeking improvised transportation.

Hardly had the cars stopped running when moves for a settlement of the controversy was under way. The State Board of Arbitration met to consider ways of bringing about an adjustment.

**Strikebreakers Ready.** One of the most serious phases of the situation arose from the report that thousands of strikebreakers already had been colonized in various sections of the city and were preparing to make attempts to operate the cars whenever so ordered by traction officials.

Officials of the companies said that no attempt would be made to run the cars at present but declared that "cars must be operated sooner or later and it is necessary to take some steps to determine how this should be done."

Any attempt to run cars with non-union employees, it is considered certain would be followed by serious outbreaks. It is understood that state national guard troops have been warned to be in readiness for service although no mobilization orders have been issued.

The strike, it was estimated, will cost the street car companies more than \$1,250,000 per day in loss of revenues.

**Workers Hard Hit.** All rolling stock available, including every variety of wheeled, pullable, pushable or motorized vehicle, was inadequate and the brunt of the traffic fell on "Shanties." Thousands (Continued on Page Twelve.)

### STATE'S HUMANE INVESTIGATORS SLAIN IN HOME

Essex, Conn., Aug. 1.—Bernard E. Mather, 35, of Hartford, employed as an investigator for the Connecticut Humane Society, was found dead at 7:30 this forenoon with a bullet wound through his head and a revolver, which he carried, in his hand, outside the chicken coop at the home of B. Platt. The body was discovered by Turey Ferranti, local fruit man, who came to the Platt garage to get his machine with which he peddles fruit. The members of the Platt family were notified and Dr. F. S. Braden, the medical examiner was summoned. Dr. Braden expressed the belief that Mather had committed suicide, although no reason is known for his act, and there is some suspicion on the part of his friends, that he might have been shot by someone.

Mr. and Mrs. Platt said that Mather came to visit them late yesterday. He formerly resided with the Platts, having moved to Hartford sometime ago to take a position with the Humane society. He was all right at 11 o'clock last night according to the Platts. The body was removed to E. S. Hunt's undertaking establishment.

Mather carried a revolver in his capacity as humane society officer. So far as could be learned this morning he had not been despondent. He has two sisters here, Mrs. Charlotte B. Busey, and Mrs. Arthur M. Sweet, one sister, Miss Lillian M. Mather, in Hartford.

### ELEVEN DEMAND REPUDIATION OF ATTACK ON MASS. SUPREME COURT MADE BY SUPREME KT. FLAHERTY

Eleven resolutions demanding that the order to repudiate the attack made by Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty upon the supreme court of Massachusetts in connection with the Pelletier case were ready for presentation today at the opening of the annual convention of the Knights of Columbus. A letter signed by one hundred "representative Catholic citizens" of Boston calling upon the convention to disavow the attack was sent to every delegate. A spirited contest is expected over the election of a supreme advocate and six members of the board of directors. William J. Mulligan, a member of the board of directors, and Luke Hart are the candidates for supreme advocate. The Mulligan supporters call themselves the "Progressives" and seek to change the policy of the order.

### HARDING'S PEACE PLAN TAKEN UP

**Hoover Cheered By Executives As He Submits's President's Settlement Proposals.**

**Immediate Return to Work of Shopmen with Seniority Rights Safeguarded Urged—Suggests Rehearing of Dispute by U. S. Labor Board.**

New York, Aug. 1.—President Harding's plan for adjustment of the railway shopmen's strike was presented to the presidents of the 148 railroads of the country here this afternoon by Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce.

Admitted to the great high ceilinged board room of the New Haven railroad in the Grand Central Terminal building after the executives had been in session a bare half hour, the secretary is understood to have spent twenty minutes in an outline of the Harding formula for strike settlement.

A burst of applause greeted the conclusion of Hoover's brief business like talk. He left the board room immediately. A few minutes later, at 12:35, the executives themselves came out.

**PRESIDENT'S PLAN BARED.** Chicago, Aug. 1.—President Harding's plan for settlement of the rail strike became known in its official details here today just as the executive committee of the striking railway shopmen went into conference to determine their attitude towards the President's proposals. The plan was set forth in a telegram to B. M. Jewell, head of the striking shopmen.

In its essentials it proposed immediate return to work of the shopmen with seniority right unimpaired; rehearing by the United States Railway Labor Board of matters in controversy and agreement by the carriers and by the unions to recognize the validity of the board's decision.

It was reported also that they had found that the western and southern districts, with improving traffic conditions, were adopting a position more nearly approximating the "start pat" attitude reported in the east.

Reports to railway headquarters also indicate that many of the shopmen have gone to work on road building projects, and are otherwise fighting for their existence as common laborers at half their former wage. This heavy and painful work for a machinist and tempers are said not to have been improved by the necessity for doing it.

None of the men questioned today will admit seeing a way out. The rail magnates have nailed their colors to the mast very strongly on the obvious point of compromise.

"But," said one spokesman for the rail chiefs, "you know how strikes are settled."

"Some one has to give up something."

### COUGHLIN LAYS 23,000 YARDS PENETRATION PAVEMENT AT LESS THAN ONE DOLLAR PER YARD

That Director of Public Works George M. Coughlin is still making good his promise to give the City of Bridgeport permanent pavement at a cost of \$1.00 or less is shown in a report made public today of the street work completed thus far by the Public Works Department. Out of nine streets paved with bituminous macadam or penetration pavement not one cost \$1.00 per square yard to pave.

Failure on the part of the last administration to complete its paving program will force the Atwater administration to expend some \$8,000 or \$7,000 to complete the unfinished program and put 13 streets, partly paved, in first class condition. The streets were paved with a preparation known as Tarvia X but were never given the final or "seal" coat.

Because of this fact weather has wrought havoc with several of the streets. A representative of the Tarvia company made a tour of inspection of all the streets. He then made recommendations to Director of Public Works George M. Coughlin, that the streets be given the "seal" coat.

Director Coughlin says he would start the work in the very near future. Following are the streets to be completed: Washington, Terrace, Woodland, Alice, Wade, Herkimer, Brook, Alpine, McKimley, Jackson, Chalmers, Woodland, Woodland and Harbor View avenue.

The report shows that the highest cost was on the Wordin street where it cost the Franklin street jobs where it cost the

### TOP NOTCH BRUSH CO.

Incorporation papers of the Top Notch Brush Co., this city were filed with the Town Clerk today. The company incorporates with a capital of \$50,000 of which \$1,000 is already subscribed. The capital is divided into 500 shares, common stock at \$10 per share. The incorporators are Edward W. Dean, Stratford; Fred O. Stunck, Stratford and James Haywood this city.

### BANK RECEIVES.

A public reception to which all Bridgeport people are invited will be held tonight in the new building of the Newfield Bank & Trust Co., 1192 Stratford avenue, from 6 to 8 o'clock.

### WEATHER:

For Connecticut: Thunderstorms this afternoon or tonight; Wednesday fair; moderate temperature; gentle variable winds.